

Final Rule
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DIGEST

Adds [511 IAC 6.3](#) to modify the methodology and metrics that determine in which of the school improvement categories, the "A" through "F" grading scale, adult high schools are to be placed. Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher.

[511 IAC 6.3](#)

SECTION 1. [511 IAC 6.3](#) IS ADDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 6.3. ADULT HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMANCE AND IMPROVEMENT; ACCOUNTABILITY

Rule 1. Assessing Adult High School Growth and Performance

[511 IAC 6.3-1-1](#) Definitions

Authority: [IC 20-19-2-8](#); [IC 20-31-8-5.2](#); [IC 20-31-8-5.4](#)

Affected: [IC 20-18-2-17](#); [IC 20-19-2-14.5](#); [IC 20-24-1-2.3](#); [IC 20-26-13](#); [IC 20-32-4-1](#); [IC 20-36-3-2](#)

Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this rule:

- (1) "Adult high school" has the meaning set forth in in *[sic]* [IC 20-24-1-2.3](#).
- (2) "Advanced placement examination" or "AP exam" has the meaning set forth in [IC 20-36-3-2](#).
- (3) "Board" means the Indiana state board of education.
- (4) "Cohort" has the meaning set forth in [IC 20-26-13-2](#).
- (5) "College and career readiness" has the meaning set forth in [IC 20-19-2-14.5\(a\)\(1\)](#).
- (6) "College and career readiness target" means the target established by the board for which a school receives full credit within the applicable indicator.
- (7) "College credit" means credit awarded by a regionally accredited postsecondary institution in an approved liberal arts or career or technical education dual credit course verifiable by a transcript.
- (8) "Five year graduation rate" means the graduation rate calculated under [IC 20-26-13-10.2](#).
- (9) "Four year graduation rate" means the graduation rate calculated under [IC 20-26-13-10](#).
- (10) "Graduation qualifying examination passing rate" means the percentage of graduates in the school year being assessed who have passed all subjects required by [IC 20-32-4-1](#).
- (11) "Graduation rate" has the meaning set forth in [IC 20-26-13-6](#).
- (12) "Industry certification" means a certificate or credential that is:
 - (A) developed or supported by industry to verify student mastery of technical skills competencies in an occupational area; and
 - (B) approved by the department of workforce development.
- (13) "International Baccalaureate exam" or "IB exam" has the meaning set forth in [511 IAC 6.2-6-0.5](#).
- (14) "School year" has the meaning set forth in [IC 20-18-2-17](#).

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[511 IAC 6.3-1-2](#) Adult high school grade

Authority: [IC 20-19-2-8](#); [IC 20-31-8-5.2](#); [IC 20-31-8-5.4](#)

Affected: [IC 20-19-2-14.5](#); [IC 20-26-13](#)

Sec. 2. (a) An adult high school's grade shall be the sum of its weighted graduation calculation score and its weighted college and career readiness score.

(b) In the first year of operation, the graduation calculation score shall be weighted as twenty percent (20%) of the overall score. The college and career readiness score shall be weighted as eighty percent (80%) of the overall score.

(c) In the second and subsequent years, the graduation calculation score shall be weighted as forty percent (40%) of the overall score. The college and career readiness score shall be weighted as sixty percent (60%) of the overall score.

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[511 IAC 6.3-1-3](#) Graduation calculation

Authority: [IC 20-19-2-8](#); [IC 20-31-8-5.2](#); [IC 20-31-8-5.4](#)

Affected: [IC 20-24-7-13](#); [IC 20-26-13](#)

Sec. 3. (a) The graduation calculation shall be comprised of:

- (1) the graduation to enrollment percentage of the school year being assessed;
- (2) the graduation rate; and
- (3) the graduation qualifying exam passing rate.

(b) To obtain a graduation calculation, a school must have at least ten (10) students graduate in the school year being assessed. If a school has fewer than ten (10) graduates in the school year being assessed, then the school's grade shall be based on the current graduates aggregated with each immediately preceding year's graduates until a cohort of at least ten (10) graduates is reached.

(c) The graduation to enrollment percentage is a fraction expressed as a percentage, the denominator of which is the school's within-year-average number of students reported for purposes of [IC 20-24-7-13](#)(b)(1) [sic], the numerator of which is the number of students who graduated during the school year and reported by August 1st to the department of education, the quotient of which shall be multiplied by four (4).

- (1) The graduation to enrollment percentage shall be weighted as ninety percent (90%) of the overall graduation calculation.
- (2) The maximum graduation to enrollment percentage score is one hundred (100) points.
- (3) The graduation to enrollment percentage shall be published with the school graduation rate.

(d) The graduation rate shall be determined as follows:

- (1) STEP ONE: Calculate the five (5) year graduation rate for the cohort immediately preceding the prior year cohort.
- (2) STEP TWO: Subtract the four (4) year graduation rate for the cohort immediately preceding the prior year cohort from the number determined under STEP ONE.
- (3) STEP THREE: Add the number determined under STEP TWO to the four (4) year graduation rate from the prior year cohort.

(e) The graduation rate shall be weighted as ten percent (10%) of the overall graduation calculation.

(f) A school's final graduation calculation score shall be:

- (1) the sum of the weighted percentages for graduation to enrollment and graduation rate; multiplied by
- (2) the graduation qualifying examination passing rate as follows:
 - (A) If the graduation qualifying examination passing rate is at least ninety percent (90%), multiply by one (1).
 - (B) If the graduation qualifying examination passing rate is below ninety percent (90%), multiply by the actual percent passing.

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[511 IAC 6.3-1-4](#) College and career readiness scores

Authority: [IC 20-19-2-8](#); [IC 20-31-8-5.2](#); [IC 20-31-8-5.4](#)

Affected: [IC 20-19-2-14.5](#); [IC 20-26-13](#)

Sec. 4. (a) The college and career readiness score shall be the result of multiplying:

- (1) the college and career achievement rate;**
- (2) the college and career readiness factor; and**
- (3) one hundred (100).**

(b) All graduates in the school year being assessed shall be used in determining an adult high school's college and career readiness score.

(c) To obtain a college and career readiness score, a school must have at least ten (10) students graduate in the school year being assessed. If a school has fewer than ten (10) graduates in the school year being assessed, then the school's grade shall be based on the current graduates aggregated with each immediately preceding year's graduates until a cohort of at least ten (10) graduates is reached.

(d) A school's college and career readiness rate shall be based on the percentage of all graduates in the school year being assessed who accomplished any of the following:

- (1) Passed an AP exam with a score of 3, 4, or 5.**
- (2) Passed an IB exam with a score of 4, 5, 6, or 7.**
- (3) Earned three (3) college credits as defined by [511 IAC 6.2-6-0.5](#).**
- (4) Obtained an industry certification.**
- (5) Any other benchmarks approved by the board and published with the same process in 6.2-10-2 [[511 IAC 6.2-10-2](#)].**

(e) The college and career readiness target is eighty percent (80%).

(f) The college and career readiness factor shall be one hundred [*sic*] (100) divided the college and career readiness target.

(g) The maximum college and career readiness achievement score is one hundred (100) points.

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[511 IAC 6.3-1-5](#) Final accountability grade calculations

Authority: [IC 20-19-2-8](#); [IC 20-31-8-5.2](#); [IC 20-31-8-5.4](#)

Affected: [IC 20-26-13](#)

Sec. 5. (a) The final score shall be based upon the sum of the graduation calculation and college and career readiness score weighted in section 3 of this rule.

(b) The final adult high school grade is assigned in accordance with the following scale:

- (1) 90% - 100% = A**
- (2) 80% - 89.9% = B**
- (3) 70% - 79.9% = C**
- (4) 60% - 69.9% = D**
- (5) 0.00% - 59.9% = F**

(c) The final scores shall be released to the schools at the same time as the release of accountability results for schools pursuant to [511 IAC 6.2-10](#).

(1) The timelines for release shall be the same as schools with accountability grades calculated pursuant to [511 IAC 6.2-10](#) for both audit review and final release.

(2) The only exception shall be where the grades calculated pursuant to [511 IAC 6.2-10](#) must be delayed beyond October 1; in which case the adult high school grades must be issued [*sic*] during the normal fall release time frame.

(d) The same audit and appeals provisions applied to schools with accountability grades calculated pursuant to [511 IAC 6.2-10](#) shall also be applied to adult high schools, with the exception of confirming

graduates from the school year being assessed and graduation rate. Both shall be available for audit during initial release of accountability results audit window.

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[511 IAC 6.3-1-6](#) Other applicable configurations

Authority: [IC 20-19-2-8](#); [IC 20-31-8-5.2](#); [IC 20-31-8-5.4](#)

Affected: [IC 22-4.1-18](#)

Sec. 6. (a) A school that is not an adult high school as that term is defined under this rule may elect application of this rule instead of [511 IAC 6.2-10](#) if the school meets the criteria in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) A school may elect application of this rule if the school:

(1) grants diplomas; and

(2) has a majority of students enrolled with the school that:

(A) belong to a graduation cohort that has already graduated; or

(B) are over the age of eighteen (18) years of age;

at the time the student was first enrolled at the school.

(c) A school that grants GEDs is not eligible to elect application of this rule.

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